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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE  
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*Mercantile Library Association*

OF THE  
CITY OF NEW YORK.

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# PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

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1820-23..LUCIUS BULL,	1855-56..GEORGE C. WOOD.
1823-24..CORNELIUS SAVAGE.	1856-57..JOHN CRERAR.
1824-26..BENJAMIN I. SEWARD.	1857-58..ROWLAND H. TIMPSON.
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1832-34..JOHN W. STEBBINS.	1858-59..E. BOUDINOT SERVOS.
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1836-37..CHARLES ROLFE.	1860-61..CHAS. E. KING SHERMAN.
1838....EDMUND COFFIN.	1861-62..CHARLES F. ALLEN.
1839...JOHN S. WINTHROP.	1862-63..CHARLES OSGOOD.
1839....ELIJAH WARD.	1863-64..CHARLES H. SWORDS.
1840....AUGUSTUS E. SILLIMAN.	1864-65..THEODORE H. VULTEE.
1841....HECTOR MORISON.	1865-66..ROBT. WALKER IRWIN.
1842....JOHN T. ROLLINS.	1866-67..AARON C. ALLEN.
1843....LEWIS McMULLEN.	1867-68..ALEXANDER RHIND.
1843....RICHARD BURLEW.	1868-69..CHARLES F. ALLEN.
1844-45..CHARLES E. MILNOR.	1869-70..M. C. D. BORDEN.
1846-47..CORNELIUS L. EVERITT.	1870....M. C. D. BORDEN.
1848....THOMAS W. GROSSER.	1871....CHARLES F. ALLEN.
1849....ISAAC H. BAILEY.	1871-72..ARTHUR W. SHERMAN.
1850....THOMAS J. BAYAUD.	1872....CHARLES H. WILSON.
1851....HENRY A. OAKLEY.	1872-73..PETER VOORHIS.
1852....GEORGE PECKHAM.	1873-74..CHAS. S. ARTHUR.
1853....WILLARD L. FELT.	1874-75..SAM'L PUTNAM.
1854....DANIEL F. APPLETON.	1875-76..CHAS. C. HOUGH.
1855....D. REYNOLDS BUDD.	

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTION

AND

Officers of the Association for 1875-76.

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President,  
CHAS. C. HOUGH.

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WM. H. GUION, Jr.

Corresponding Secretary,  
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Recording Secretary,  
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Treasurer,  
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WM. T. PEOPLES.

Assistant Librarian,  
GEORGE COOPE.

Counsel to the Association,  
HON. HENRY E. DAVIES.

# Fifty-Fifth Annual Report.

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GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSOCIATION :

It becomes my duty in the absence of our President, Mr. CHAS. C. HOUGH, who has been suddenly and very unexpectedly called out of the city on business, to present and review the transactions of the Association for the past year.

Notwithstanding the depression in business, and the universal complaint from all quarters of dull times, we think this, the Fifty-fifth Annual Report, is a very satisfactory statement.

Fears were entertained at the beginning of the present fiscal year lest the working of the Institution might be embarrassed, if the withdrawals from our subscription lists should continue at the same rate as shown in the two previous Reports.

We are pleased to be able to state that these fears have not been realized.

As will be shown further on, the income of the Library exceeds that of last year, and the number of books added larger than it has been for several years past.

## FINANCE.

The total income of the Association for the past year, from all sources, has been \$34,907.02. The total expenditures have been \$34,903.62, of which \$11,326.44 was expended for books and periodicals, and the remainder, \$23,577.18, for insurance, salaries, binding, stationery, light, rent, and the running expenses of the Library.

From the Treasurer's Report it will be seen that the Interest Account shows a diminution of \$181.78 from last year. This is due to the fact that two of our mortgages, amounting to \$8,250, expired during the year and were paid off.

Until a permanent investment could be obtained this amount was placed in the United States Trust Company, and while there only paid at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum. Part of this sum remained there four months and the balance for five months. The Demilt, Grosvenor, and Lorillard Legacies are now invested as follows:

Loaned on Bond and Mortgage to Henry Patterson,	
on house and lot No. 156 Canal street.....	\$5,750
Loaned on Bond and Mortgage to J. J. Hull and	
Wife, on house and lot No. 58 7th st., Brooklyn..	4,000
Loaned on Bond and Mortgage to Julia Allen, on	
house and lot No. 341 West 58th street.....	4,000
Loaned on Bond and Mortgage to James Kent, on	
house and lot No. 97 Thompson street.....	4,250
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	\$18,000

## MEMBERSHIP.

The total number of active members May 1st, 1875, was 4,674		
“ “ “	subscribing members May 1st, 1875	8,330
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Joined during the year at \$4	750	
“ “ “ “ 5	944	1,694
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Withdrawals at \$4	53	
“ 5	37	90
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Accounts closed by Constitution at \$4	826	
“ “ “ “ 5	802	1,628
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Decrease during the year		24
Active members on the 1st of May, 1876	4,545	
Subscribing members on the 1st of May, 1876	3,811	8,356
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Honorary members on the 1st of May 1876		89
Editors using Library and Reading Room		70
Clinton Hall Stockholders		1,762
Total number of persons entitled to use the Library and		<hr/>
Reading Room on the 1st of May, 1876		10,277

On analyzing the above figures we find that while the number of Active Members shows a decrease of 129, the number of Subscribing Members has increased to the extent of 105, making a net decrease during the year of 24 members, all of whom were clerks.

## LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes now in the Library is 163,459, an increase during the year of 8,339, which, together with the duplicate and imperfect books sold, makes our gross accessions for the year 10,618, the largest number added in any one year since 1872. The number acquired by purchase is 10,426, by donation 192. Of the volumes pur-

chased, 8,030 were paid for by the funds of our Association, and 2,396 by Clinton Hall Association.

#### CIRCULATION.

The total number of volumes circulated during the year was 190,829, of which 139,957 were issued at the Main Library, 46,489 at the Branch Office, and 4,383 at members' residences.

The average daily circulation was 625 volumes. The largest daily circulation was on the 18th day of March, when 1,463 volumes were delivered. The smallest daily circulation was 346 volumes, on the 29th day of July.

The number of books circulated in foreign languages was 14,627. The number of books used in the Library for reference was 11,179. Number of magazines circulated was 6,900. Number of notices sent to members to return books kept over time was 8,858.

#### READING ROOM.

This room still continues to retain its popularity. It contains over 400 newspapers and magazines including all the leading publications not only of our country but also of Europe. During the year it has been furnished throughout with new matting. Also, a new carpet has been placed in the Conversation Room.

During the month of July last, at the request of the Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association, the use of the Reading Room was donated to the American Book Trade Association for the purpose of holding a Book Fair.



## BINDERY.

Seven thousand seven hundred and twelve books have passed through the hands of the binder and his assistants during the past year. The number of new books that were bound is 3,901, the remainder, 3,811, were old books repaired and rebound. The number of books that have been furnished with paper covers is 35,014.

## DUPLICATE BOOKS.

The number of duplicate books sold during the year was 1,827, an increase over last year of 836. The total amount realized from the sale of these books was \$994.14, averaging over fifty-four cents per volume.

## BRANCH OFFICE.

We have again renewed the lease of the rooms at 51 Liberty Street, but at a reduced rental of \$200 per annum. The rent is now \$800 per year.

The number of volumes issued from this office during the year was 46,489.

During the latter part of April a petition was received from a number of members using the branch office, complaining of the imperfect ventilation of the rooms. The complaint was referred to the Library Committee with instructions, if possible, to have the ventilation improved.

They examined the premises and decided to place a window in the partition at the rear of the room, and also to put new ventilators in the front windows.

## CATALOGUES.

Catalogues on hand May 1st, 1875.....		127
Sold during the year.....	2	
Donated.....	2	4
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Catalogues on hand May 1st, 1876.....		123
In sheets.....	111	
Bound.....	12	123
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Supplementary Catalogues, (printed Dec. 1869) on hand		
May 1st, 1875.....		861
Sold during the year....	23	
Used in Library and donated.....	18	41
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On hand May 1st, 1876.....		820
In sheets.....	820	
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Second Supplementary Catalogue, (printed April 1872) on		
hand May 1st, 1875.....		1,359
Sold during the year.....	148	
Used and donated.....	57	205
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On hand May 1st, 1876.....		1,154
In sheets.....	927	
Bound.....	227	1,154

Remembering the appeal contained in the last Annual Report for a new Catalogue, your Board, upon its organization in May last, immediately began the consideration of the subject.

While being fully convinced of the pressing need that existed for a new catalogue, they hesitated before incurring the liabilities of so great a work until they could see their way more clear financially.

Before deciding to proceed, the Committee on Relations with Clinton Hall Association were instructed to communicate with the Trustees of the above-named Association and endeavor, if possible, to have them aid us.

A meeting of the Clinton Hall Trustees was held to consider the subject when they at once decided to pay one-half of the cost of the undertaking, provided their portion should not exceed \$5,000.

Upon this decision, the Catalogue Committee, to whom was referred the details, reported in favor of issuing a catalogue upon the plan as recommended in last year's Report, viz.: of one alphabetical arrangement of author, subject and title. It was deemed advisable to except works of fiction from the above rule.

It was thought best, from a pecuniary point of view, to issue the novel catalogue separate and distinct from the standard works.

The report of the Committee was adopted and the work of preparation commenced at once. We are pleased to state that the work has so far progressed that the novel portion is now in the hands of the printer, and we hope to have them ready for sale in a very short time.

The price will be fixed at a very reasonable sum, and it is hoped that every member will purchase a copy and thereby aid in defraying the cost.

The standard portion will be pushed to as early a completion as possible, but as the labor is very great, and as it is necessary to use great caution and care in the preparation, the work will necessarily be very slow. For the accommodation of the members, and to enable them to make use of the new books

that are being added from day to day, in addition to the manuscript catalogue, a card catalogue has been arranged on the same principle as it is proposed to issue the new work.

These cards will be found in the box on the left side of the Library on entering.

#### FREE SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Scholarships belonging to this Institution in Columbia College are now filled by HENRY WHITNEY BATES and H. A. KINGSBURY. Mr. KINGSBURY was appointed in November last to fill vacancy caused by the graduating last year of Mr. T. S. ORMISTON. Mr. BATES will graduate in June next.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTION.

On the 1st of November Mr. W. E. GAVIT resigned his position as a Director. The vacancy was filled by the election of Mr. SAMUEL PUTNAM.

#### DONATIONS.

To the many friends from whom we have been recipients of favors during the past year we beg to return our thanks.

Especially are we indebted to our former President, Hon. Elijah Ward, for valuable donations of Congressional and other documents. Also to the Chiefs of the various Departments of the National Government, and to the Secretary of State at Albany.

#### CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

Again we have to renew our thanks to the gentlemen composing the Board of Trustees of this Association for the courtesy and consideration with

which we have been treated during the past year. They have added during the year 2,396 books. The expense of putting new matting on the Reading Room and the new carpet for the Conversation Room was borne by their Association.

#### EXECUTIVE FORCE.

There have been but few changes in the Executive force. Mr. W. T. PEOPLES, the Librarian, and his assistants, Messrs. COOPE and WING, and others, still continue to merit the commendation of the Board as well as the members for faithfully discharging their duties under many trying circumstances.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The following is the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the books and other property of the Association.

*To the Board of Direction of the Mercantile Library Association:*

GENTLEMEN—The Committee appointed by your Board to examine the property of the Association respectfully submit the following report:

The books are in good condition, and carefully arranged.

The paintings, and other works of art, are well preserved.

Your Committee cannot speak too strongly of the actual necessity that exists for a new building. The Library has entirely outgrown its accommodations. The present structure is crowded to its utmost capacity; there is no room for further additions to

your Library within its walls. We earnestly hope that measures may be devised for securing for your invaluable treasures, a commodious, fire-proof home.

J. S. SCHULTZ,  
GEO. C. LEE,  
HUGH N. CAMP,  
J. D. VERMILYE,  
M. C. D. BORDEN,

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

Hon. SAMUEL J. TILDEN and Hon. WM. H. WICKHAM have been unanimously elected honorary members of the Association.

#### OBITUARY.

We have to record the loss by death during the year of two ex-officers of the Association, Mr. GEO. S. PARTRIDGE and CORNELIUS L. EVERITT. Mr. PARTRIDGE, who was recording Secretary in 1855 and 1856, died while absent in Europe on business. Mr. CORNELIUS L. EVERITT was a director in 1844 and 1845, and President for two terms, 1846 and 1847. He was also an honorary member.

In January last your Board received the following:

NEW YORK, January 10, 1876.

*To the President of the Mercantile Library Association:*

In accordance with a provision in the Will of the late C. L. EVERITT, it becomes my duty to inform you that I have this day placed in the "Institution for the Savings of Merchants' Clerks and others," a



sum sufficient to make good the desire of my deceased Brother, and to ask your aid that his wishes may be met by the requisite action of your Board. I give you the extract referred to: "I also direct that the amount standing in my name on the books of the 'Institution for the Savings of Merchants' Clerks and others' shall be made at one thousand dollars, and that the interest thereof shall be applied (as payable) by the Directors of the Mercantile Library Association for the purchase of books to be stamped 'I. G. Everitt Fund,' as a perpetual memorial of my late son in a useful form, giving the example for the imitation of those desiring to 'keep the memory green' of some dear one, more perfectly than by a monument in a cemetery."

Respectfully yours, &c.,

GEORGE W. EVERITT, *Exr.*,

Estate of C. L. Everitt.

The following resolutions were spread in full upon our minutes, and a copy of the same suitably engrossed, sent to Mr. EVERITT's family:

WHEREAS, Since our last Regular Meeting, Death has removed from our midst one of the ex-officers of this Association, Mr. CORNELIUS L. EVERITT. He was a Director during the years 1844 and 1845, President in 1846 and 1847, and although he has never held any official position since, still his interest in everything pertaining to our welfare continued unabated, and it is with feelings of deep regret that we are now called upon to pay our tribute of respect and veneration to his memory. Holding a position of trust and responsibility for almost half a century in one of the large corporations of our city, he has

ever been looked upon as a man of exemplary character and one worthy of imitation.

*Resolved*, That we recognize in the life of Mr. EVERITT a career of great usefulness in the various positions which he has adorned, and while bowing to the will of an all wise Providence, we feel that this Association has lost a valued and steadfast friend.

*Resolved*, That this Board bears a hearty and grateful testimony to the services rendered to this Institution by the deceased, and we will ever cherish with proud recollection the identification with our Association of a gentleman of so much honesty of purpose and purity of character.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the above Preamble and Resolutions, suitably engrossed and attested by the officers of this Association, be sent to the family of the deceased, and that the same be spread in full upon the minutes of this Board.

Three Honorary Members have died during the year, viz.: CORNELIUS L. EVERITT, FREDERIC HUDSON and ALEX. T. STEWART.

#### CONCLUSION.

We have now, fellow members, completed our record of the year's business.

Statistics show, that in times of great business depression institutions such as ours have always been the first to feel their effects.

While it was to be expected, so intimately are we connected with the mercantile community, that the storm which is now sweeping the commercial world would reach us, we think there is cause for congratulation that thus far we have been touched so



lightly. Our condition is most gratifying. During the year we have been enabled to add almost 11,000 books. We have a paying membership of over 8,300. Our Library contains over 163,000 volumes, and is free from debt.

What more could we ask? This—*more room* to carry on our work.

In the language of the Committee whose Report has just been read, “The Library has entirely outgrown its accommodations.”

Our ingenuity will be taxed to its utmost to provide space for the accessions of the coming year. Your Board therefore hope that during this year, the Centennial of our Country's Independence, a movement may be inaugurated to give us a building, which will not only be a pride to our city but a place of security for our books.

On behalf of the Board,

WM. H. GUION, JR.,

*Vice-President.*

NEW YORK, May 9th, 1876.

ANNUAL MEETING.

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The Fifty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Mercantile Library Association, of the City of New York, was held in the Reading Room, Clinton Hall, Astor Place, on Tuesday evening, May 9th, 1876.

In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by the Vice-President of the Association, Mr. WM. H. GUION, JR., who took the chair.

The minutes of the Fifty-fourth Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Reports of the President and Treasurer of the Clinton Hall Association were read, and, on motion of Mr. CHAS. F. ALLEN, were accepted, and ordered to be printed with the Annual Report.

The Treasurer of the Mercantile Library Association, Mr. A. L. BELL, presented his report for the year ending April 30th, 1876, which was approved and ordered to be printed with the Annual Report.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Direction was then read by the Vice-President.

After considerable debate the Report, on motion of Mr. PETER VOORHIS, was adopted, and the usual number of copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the Members.

On motion of Mr. PETER VOORHIS, the thanks of the Members of the Association were cordially tendered to the Board of Direction for the very

able and efficient manner in which they have managed and conducted the affairs of the Association during the past year.

On motion of Mr. CHAS. S. ARTHUR, Messrs. DANIEL F. APPLETON and A. W. SHERMAN were chosen as Trustees of "the Permanent Catalogue Fund" from the Members at large.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned.

JNO. C. PALMER,  
*Recording Secretary.*



APPENDIXES  
TO  
ANNUAL REPORT.

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## [APPENDIX I.]

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance April 30th, 1875.....		\$193 35
Initiation Fees.....	\$1,694 00	
Semi-Annual Dues.....	20,565 00	
Duplicate Accounts.....	2,139 00	
Loans.....	5,078 50	
Duplicate Books.....	994 14	
Catalogues.....	74 50	
Clinton Hall Association..	1,875 50	
Interest.....	1,078 22	
Old Paper.....	189 95	
Book Delivery.....	424 86	
Permanent Catalogue Fund.....	600 00	
	<hr/>	\$34,713 67
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		\$34,907 02

## EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	9,246 65	
Periodicals.....	2,079 79	
Fixtures.....	163 15	
Light.....	1,864 18	
Salaries.....	13,858 99	
Incidentals.....	1,362 12	
Binding.....	1,116 05	
Branch Office.....	1,266 49	
Stationery.....	1,127 19	
Advertising.....	176 76	
Insurance.....	679 50	
Permanent Catalogue Fund.....	320 00	
Special Appropriations..	500 00	
Catalogue Fund 1875.....	575 77	
Book Delivery.....	556 98	
	<hr/>	\$34,903 62
Balance East River National Bank.....		3 40
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		\$34,907 02

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. BELL,

*Treasurer.*

## [APPENDIX II.]

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

## CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

*To the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association :*

The Trustees of Clinton Hall, beg leave to enclose for the information of the members of the Mercantile Library and the stockholders of the Clinton Hall Association, the Annual Report of their Treasurer, for the year ending May 9th, 1876.

It will be seen that the receipts for rents and interest, including the balance on hand at the close of the previous year, amount to Twenty-four thousand eight hundred and ninety-five dollars and seventy-three cents, (\$24,895.73) and that the expenditures, including the annual appropriation for the Contingent Fund, amount to Twenty thousand two hundred and eighty-nine dollars and ninety-one cents, (\$20,289.91) leaving a cash balance on hand at this date of four thousand six hundred and five dollars and eighty-two cents (\$4,605.82).

Two thousand three hundred and ninety-six (2,396) volumes of standard works, have been purchased during the year by the *Trustees*, and placed

in the Library for the use of the members, and the stockholders of the Clinton Hall Association.

*The Trustees* in the management of the Trust imposed upon them, are governed by sound business principles, the outlay being confined strictly within the income. Consequently there are no debts, either bonded or floating, and the Institution is not materially affected in its finances by the unfortunate state of the times.

*The Trustees* take pleasure in presenting the financial statement of the Contingent Fund, having in view the erection of a fire-proof building for the accommodation of the *Mercantile Library*. The amount invested, added to the cash in bank and United States Trust Company at the close of the present financial year, is fifty-seven thousand one hundred and ninety-eight dollars and seven cents, (\$57,198.07.) *The Trustees* have been unable to invest the money on deposit in the Trust Company satisfactorily. They feel the importance of securing a higher rate of interest than is paid by that Institution, and will avail themselves of the first opportunity to obtain that result.

*The Trustees* are not unmindful of the importance as well as the necessity of placing the Library in a fire-proof building at an early day, when such an edifice can be constructed, having a sufficient income by endowment or otherwise to meet the outlay, including the purchase of standard literature to be added to the *Library* annually, leaving no debt upon the Institution.

There should be no time lost in providing the



building, which should not only be an ornament to the great *commercial metropolis*, but a monument to the liberality of the *merchants of New York*.

WILSON G. HUNT,

*Pres. Clinton Hall Association.*

HUGH N. CAMP,

*Secretary,*

NEW YORK, May 9th, 1876.

## [APPENDIX III.]

REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
OF THE  
CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1876.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand May, 1875.....	\$5,763 47	
Received for interest on special deposit.....	132 26	
Rental for year 1875.....	19,000 00	
		\$24,895 73

## EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$7,424 68
Plumbing.....	464 85
Insurance.....	1,739 56
Carpets and matting.....	320 26
Repairing stairs and leader.....	308 03
Mason Work.....	514 55
Architect.....	50 00
Furnace.....	525 04
Repairs to roof.....	150 00
G. A. Leavitt repairs.....	172 52
Glass and setting.....	65 00
Janitor.....	399 96
Safe Deposit Company....	20 00
Advertising.....	8 73
Wire work.....	30 00
Lumber and carpenter work.....	599 96
Coal, &c.....	621 27

## MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Binding and re-binding books.....	650 50
Towards printing Annual Report.....	100 00
Half rent branch office.....	500 00
Cleaning halls and stairs.....	125 00
Clerical services.....	500 00
Contingent Fund Appropriations.....	5,000 00

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\$20,289 91

Cash on hand May, 1876.....	4,605 82
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\$24,895 73

Report of the Treasurer of the CLINTON HALL ASS'N—continued.

## CONTINGENT FUND.

*May, 1875.*

Amount brought forward.....	49,160 45
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*May, 1876.*

Ninth Appropriation.....	5,000 00
Interest for year 1875.....	3,037 62

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\$57,198 07

## INVESTED AS FOLLOWS.

N. Y. State 6's.....	18,500 00
N. Y. City 7's.....	6,000 00
U. S. Trust Company (4 certificates).....	16,311 40
Bond and Mortgage.....	14,000 00
Cash.....	2,386 67
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	\$57,198 07

Insurance on building .....	\$125,000 00
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“ “ books.....	50,000 00
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Books added past year 2,396 volumes, classified as follows:

On Theology .....	316
“ Mental and Moral Science .....	108
“ Political Science.....	118
“ Literature.....	603
“ History, Geography, and Travels .....	529
“ Biography.....	233
“ Mathematics .....	14
“ Natural Science.....	139
“ Medicine.....	67
“ Arts .....	269
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	2,396
Previous purchases.....	18,341

Total number of volumes added by Clinton Hall Ass'n	20,737
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JOHN K. MYERS,  
*Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, May, 1876.

## APPENDIX IV.

## ANNUAL ADDITIONS OF MEMBERS AND BOOKS.

[Expenditures for Books, Total Receipts, etc., from the 9th of November, 1820, to 1st of May, 1876.]

YEARS.	No. of Members who have joined the Library.	No. of Volumes acquired by purchase & donation.	Amount Expended for Books and Periodicals.	Amount Expended for Binding.	Donations received.	Total Receipts.
1820-21	204	1,000	\$600 00		\$600 00	\$900 00
1822	76	250	273 00		150 00	510 00
1823	81	100	150 00		250 00	726 69
1824	77	175	208 00			712 23
1825	257	675	619 00	\$73 00	795 00	1,469 00
1826	471	1,000	756 72	190 28	785 75	2,216 42
1827	260	1,300	695 12	31 38		1,750 52
1828	295	1,000	330 27	146 25		1,572 47
1829	414	600	562 30	154 28		1,701 81
1830	486	600	567 91	99 25		1,755 82
1831	507	750	1,177 19	68 48		2,360 71
1832	383	864	1,107 36	197 55		3,033 58
1833	382	1,379	1,303 98	234 20		2,978 98
1834	393	1,000	1,278 20	223 29		2,977 59
1835	680	1,522	2,126 32	238 51		4,333 18
1836	867	1,845	2,286 74	250 70		5,110 80
1837	936	2,547	2,806 47	186 01		6,109 20
1838	1,003	2,471	3,115 72	423 91		7,477 99
1839	1,097	3,583	4,278 23	729 60		8,082 15
1840	501	390	1,995 19	615 42		7,071 17
1841	627	1,139	1,495 12	591 75		6,935 30
1842	308	1,252	2,179 79	670 77		5,567 70
1843	252	465	797 80	536 85		4,355 86
1844	387	745	708 35	271 25		3,959 20
1845	582	1,428	1,628 60	402 65		4,082 04
1846	609	1,883	2,072 59	500 34		5,044 61
1847	687	2,258	3,311 95	549 19		5,902 90
1848	681	2,276	3,392 71	445 52		6,286 21
1849	1,013	2,517	3,531 83	600 35		7,207 06
1850	1,116	1,865	2,608 63	286 72	3,000 00	10,691 95
1851	1,041	2,957	4,050 01	560 81		8,290 00
1852	1,293	4,346	4,786 35	889 67		9,931 72
1853	991	2,900	3,916 54	418 96		8,929 82
1854	1,216	2,400	3,019 07	381 26		9,691 95
1855-56	1,783	3,583	4,477 42	1,475 44		14,223 95
1856-57	1,083	1,521	1,384 21	661 10		10,453 95
1857-58	877	821	1,615 93	581 77		9,182 50
1858-59	969	3,040	3,537 80	521 53		9,509 59
1859-60	1,080	3,183	3,259 52	342 87	10,050 00	20,615 86
1860-61	1,109	2,827	3,141 37	318 62	50 00	11,249 19
1861-62	792	1,322	2,663 41	135 72	400 00	10,276 47
1862-63	803	4,581	3,358 70	817 03		12,711 21
1863-64	1,564	6,047	7,442 80	318 23		17,638 94
1864-65	2,830	7,408	10,420 81	586 60	4,000 00	29,146 81
1865-66	3,332	9,023	11,639 18	582 90	2,000 00	41,761 01
1866-67	2,825	10,030	12,479 11	1,000 45		40,380 36
1867-68	2,689	9,351	11,075 29	660 24	5,000 00	41,722 50
1868-69	2,434	12,024	13,092 98	593 75		53,014 82
1869-70	3,129	13,000	11,894 97	1,577 75		40,468 00
1870-71	2,379	12,210	10,831 01	1,414 70		42,258 81
1871-72	2,511	10,914	10,491 88	2,039 58		44,678 31
1872-73	2,004	6,919	6,631 26	2,298 85		38,869 46
1873-74	1,860	5,455	10,174 08	951 37	1,500 00	35,980 67
1874-75	1,850	9,062	10,387 00	591 50		34,657 83
1875-76	1,694	10,618	11,326 44	1,116 05	1,000 00	34,907 02
	59,811	149,503	\$225,462 33	\$29,534 23	\$29,480 75	\$739,363 79

# APPENDIX II.] CIRCULATION.

The following Table shows the number of books delivered annually from the 30th of April, 1859, to the 30th of April, 1876. Prior to the former date there is no accurate record of the circulation of the Library.

YEAR.	Total issue.	Delivered at Main Library.	Delivered at Down-Town Office.	Delivered at Other Branch Offices.	Delivered at Residences.	No. of Volumes Standard Literature delivered.	No. Volumes Fiction delivered.	No. of Volumes in Foreign Languages delivered.	Daily Average. The Figures in this col. prior to those for '67 are approximate only.	Largest Circulation in one day.	Date of last column.
1859-60	64,263	46,097	18,166						223		Aug. 10.
1860-61	79,773	64,218	15,555						277		Feb. 27.
1861-62	95,575	76,827	15,748		8,246				322	1,573	Aug. 10.
1862-63	85,273	70,624	14,649		8,428				297	1,346	Feb. 19.
1863-64	102,049	85,092	16,957		11,184				355	1,832	Mar. 18.
1864-65	189,609	156,437	33,172		11,882				661	1,727	Jan. 20.
1865-66	178,218	154,952	23,266		12,306				696	1,647	Jan. 25.
1866-67	206,120	169,219	36,901		5,791				718	1,467	Jan. 30.
1867-68	203,894	151,588	44,060		4,383				710	1,463	Mar. 18.
1868-69	210,966	156,558	45,080						742		
1869-70	234,120	175,110	47,826						760		
1870-71	269,034	184,780	53,012	19,360					879		
1871-72	250,845	164,253	58,439	24,284					836		
1872-73	239,533	163,696	51,378	12,153					780		
1873-74	204,632	151,265	44,576						697		
1874-75	203,145	154,368	46,355						670		
1875-76	190,829	139,957	46,489						625		

## [APPENDIX VI.]

## BOOK ACCOUNT.

Number of Volumes, April 30, 1875.....		155,120
“ “ added this year by purchase	10,426	
“ “ “ “ donation	192	
	<hr/>	10,618
French Books added .....	429	
German “ “ .....	519	
Other Foreign Books added.....	19	
English Books added.....	9,651	
	<hr/>	10,618
Folio and Quarto.....	505	
Octavo.....	4,203	
Duodecimo, etc.....	5,910	
	<hr/>	10,618
On Theology.....	430	
“ Mental and Moral Sciences.....	177	
“ Political Science.....	204	
“ Natural Science.....	225	
“ Literature.....	1,814	
“ History, Geography and Travel.....	912	
“ Biography.....	511	
“ Mathematics .....	15	
“ Medicine.....	125	
“ Arts.....	435	
“ English Fiction.....	5,770	
	<hr/>	10,618
Less surplus Books sold.....	1,827	
“ imperfect “ .....	452	
	<hr/>	2,279
	<hr/>	8,339
Total Volumes, April 30th, 1876.....		163,459
Books added by Clinton Hall Association.....	2,296	
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Pamphlets added.....	232	
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[APPENDIX VII.]

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EXECUTIVE FORCE.

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*Librarian,*

WM. T. PEOPLES.

*Assistant Librarian,*

GEORGE COOPE.

*Cataloguing Assistants,*

JOHANNES BADE,      T. J. TITUS,      JOHN J. COTT.

*Book-keeper and Cashier,*

FREDERICK G. BOURNE.

*Desk Clerks,*

J. N. WING, *Chief,*  
JOHN J. O'BRIEN,  
JAMES H. WOOD,

FRANK POST,  
WM. H. ARKILLS,  
WM. TORBOHM.

*Collector,*

CORNELIUS J. KANE.

*Reading Room Attendants,*

MISS M. E. SUTTON,      MISS L. B. HUBBELL.

*Sup't Down-Town Office,*

E. F. OSBORNE.

*Binder,*

WM. LITTLEFIELD.

*Assistants,*

MISS ANNIE SUTER,

CHAS. COX.

*Messengers,*

HENRY KREPS,

WM. JAMIESON.

*Janitor,*

HENRY F. WILSON.

## [APPENDIX VIII.]

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION  
OF THE  
PERMANENT CATALOGUE FUND.

*To the Board of Direction of the Mercantile Library Association :*

Pursuant to the Articles creating the Permanent Catalogue Fund, I respectfully submit the following report of moneys received and disbursed by me, on account of said Fund, since the date of the last Report, May 15, 1876 :

Balance on hand at that date.....	\$2,486 41
Interest accrued on same to Jan. 1, 1876.....	99 44

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\$2,585 85

Advanced to the Mercantile Library Association on requisition of the Board of Direction of January 21, 1876.....	600 00
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\$1,985 85

May 4th, 1876.—Received from the Mercantile Library Association in reimbursement of money advanced in 1869 and 1872.....	330 00
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\$2,315 85

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WILLARD L. FELT,

*Treasurer Permanent Catalogue Fund.*

NEW YORK, May 5, 1876.



## [APPENDIX IX.]

## LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

## MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

May 1, 1875, to April 30, 1876.

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DEMILT, MISS ELIZABETH, Interest of Fund.....	\$210 00
EVERITT, CORNELIUS L.,           "       " .....	60 00
GROSVENOR, SETH.               "       " .....	700 00
LORILLARD, PETER,             "       " .....	350 00
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	\$1,320 00

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## BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

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	Vols.	Pam.
Albany Institute, Albany, N. Y.....	1	1
American Antiquarian Society.....		1
“ Bible Society.....		1
“ Colonization Society.....		3
“ Pharmaceutical Association.....		1
Andover Theological Seminary.....		1
Andrews, James, Menton, France.....		1
Astor Library.....		2
Bacon, E. F.....	1	
Bagley, Hon. John J., Lansing, Michigan.....	1	
Bell, Clark.....		1
Brookline Public Library, Brookline, Mass.....		1
Brooklyn (City of) Supt. Public Instruction, Brooklyn, L. I.....		1
Brown, D. L. Scott.....		1
Bunker Hill Monument Association, Boston, Mass.....	1	
California (State of) Insurance Commissioner.....	1	
Chicago Public Library.....		1
Chicopee Town Library.....	1	
Childs, Geo. W., Philadelphia, Pa.....		1
Christern, F. W.....		2
City Library Association of Springfield, Mass.....		1
Cobden Club, London, England.....		3
Cochrane & Sampson, Boston, Mass.....		8
College of Fine Arts, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.....		1
Columbia College.....		1
Columbia College, School of Mines.....	1	1
Conklin, W. A.....		1
Cooper, Peter.....		1

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	Vols.	Pam.
Cooper Union .....		1
Cudmore, P., Le Sueur, Minn. ....	1	
Dayton Public Library, Dayton, Ohio .....		2
Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H. ....		1
Detroit (City of) Board of Education, Detroit, Mich. ....		1
Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. ....		1
East St. Louis Public Library, East St. Louis, Ill. ....		2
Eberhard, Prof. Ernst. ....		1
Ellis, John, M.D. ....	1	
Emerson, Mrs. Nannette S. ....	1	
E-sex Institute, Salem, Mass. ....		3
Fall River Public Library, Fall River, Mass. ....	1	2
Foster, Hon. John W., Mexico. ....		1
Free Public Library of Lawrence, Mass. ....		1
“ “ “ Liverpool, England. ....		1
“ “ “ New Bedford, Mass. ....		2
“ “ “ Watertown, Mass. ....		1
“ “ “ Worcester, Mass. ....		1
Friend. ....	1	
Garfield, Hon. J. V., Washington, D. C. ....	1	
Gay, Chas. C. F., Buffalo, N. Y. ....		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen. ....		2
Graham, Gen'l Chas. K. ....		1
Green, Sam'l A., M.D. ....		6
Groton Public Library, Groton, Mass. ....		1
Harrison, Jas. G. ....	1	
Hartford Young Men's Institute. ....		1
Hartmanft, Hon. John F., Harrisburgh, Pa. ....	1	
Hatfield, Rev. Edwin F. ....	1	
Hawkins, Dexter A. ....		2
Hearn, Alfred W., M.D., Paris, France. ....		1
Hoe, R & Co. ....	2	
Hollenius, L. J. ....		2
Home for Incurables, Fordham, N. Y. ....		1
Iowa (State of) Adjutant Gen'l. ....		1
Iowa State Library. ....	1	
Jones, Hon. Wm. W., Toledo, Ohio. ....		1
Kingdom, John M. ....		1
Knapp, Prof. H., M.D. ....		9
Lammer, Edward. ....		1
Lewis, Estelle A., London, England. ....	1	
Library Committee of Lancaster, Mass. ....		1
Library Company of Philadelphia, Pa. ....		2
Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, Canada. ....		1
London, Dan'l H. ....		1
McKesson & Robbins. ....	1	
Mathews, Albert. ....	1	
Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco, Cal. ....		1
Mercantile Library Association of Brooklyn, L. I. ....		1
“ “ “ San Francisco, Cal. ....		1
Metropolitan Museum of Art. ....		3
Michigan State Library. ....	1	
Michigan (State of) Superintendent Public Instruction. ....	1	
Mountainville, L. C. de. ....		3

	Vols.	Pam.
Moran, Chas.....		2
Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md.....		1
Munroe, Prof. Henry S., Tokio, Japan.....		1
Neligan, Rev. Dr.....	1	
New York (City of) Board of Education.....	5	3
“ “ “ Police Justices.....		1
“ “ “ Health Department.....	1	
“ (State of) Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
“ “ Secretary of State.....	23	
“ Association of the Bar.....		1
“ City Mission and Tract Society.....		2
“ Hospital Society.....		1
“ “ & Bloomingdale Asylum.....		1
“ Metereological Observatory.....		1
“ Produce Exchange.....	1	
“ Soc'y for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children		2
Oakley, Henry A.....		1
O'Brien, J. J.....	1	1
Odd Fellows' Library Association of San Francisco, Cal....		1
Ohio State Library, Columbus, Ohio.....	8	
Ohio (State of) Commissioners of Sinking Fund.....		1
O'Reilly, Henry.....		2
Oswego City Library.....		1
Peabody Institute of Baltimore, Md.....		1
“ “ Danvers, Mass.....		1
“ “ Peabody, “.....		1
Pennsylvania (State of) Secretary of the Commonwealth...	1	
Phillips, Sam'l L.....	1	
Providence Athenæum, Providence, R. I.....		1
Public Free Libraries of Manchester, England.....		1
Public Library of Boston, Mass.....		2
“ “ Indianapolis, Ind.....		1
“ “ Newburyport, Mass.....		1
“ “ Taunton, Mass.....		1
“ “ Waltham, Mass.....	1	
Rahden, M., Mexico.....		1
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.....		1
St. Louis Public Schools.....		1
Sampson, Clarence, Boston, Mass.....		2
Santa Clara College, Santa Clara, Cal.....		1
Schmidt, L. W.....		1
Schnabel, Louis.....	1	13
Sherman, W. A.....	3	
Sigourney, Mrs. Henry H. W., Milton, Mass.....		1
Skelt, Theron.....		1
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.....	2	
Social Science Association of Philadelphia, Pa.....		2
Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents.....		1
Solby, S. Edwin, St. Louis, Mo.....		3
Soldan, Louis F.....		1
State Library of Mass., Boston, Mass.....		1
Sturges, E.....	21	29
Sumner, Chas., San Francisco, Cal.....		1
Thurston, Prof. R. H., Stevens Institute, Hoboken, N. J...		1

	Vols.	Pam.
Tornos, Prof. Alberto de .....	1	
Tufts College, College Hill, Mass .....		1
Ulman, H. Chas .....	1	
Union League Club .....		1
Union Theological Seminary .....		1
United States Chief of Bureau of Statistics .....		2
"    "    Engineers .....	4	4
"    "    Ordnance .....	1	
"    Coast Survey .....	2	
"    Commissioner of Education .....	1	4
"    "    Patents .....	16	1
"    Librarian of Congress .....		1
"    Secretary of Interior .....	50	
"    "    State .....	3	
"    "    Treasury .....	1	
"    Superintendent of Naval Observatory .....	1	1
"    Supervising Surgeon U. S. Marine Hospital Service .....	2	
"    Surgeon-General .....		1
University of California, Oakland, Cal .....		1
"    Vermont, Burlington, Vt .....		1
Unknown Friends .....	1	2
Veterans of the National Guard .....		1
Waldron, Wm. Watson .....	1	
Ward, Hon. Elijah, Washington, D. C .....	8	
Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Va .....		1
Whittaker, T .....		1
Wilder, E. E .....	1	
Williams, E. David .....	1	
Wilson, H. Bowlby .....	1	1
Wilmington Institute .....		1
Wilson, Archibald .....	1	
Winchell, Prof. Alex .....		1
Working Women's Protective Union .....		1
Yale College .....		4
Young Men's Association of Buffalo, New York .....		1
"    Christian Association .....		1
"    Mercantile Library and Mechanics Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania .....		1
Zimmerman, D. M., Atlantic City, N. J .....		1
Total .....	192	232

## APPENDIX X.

## HONORARY MEMBERS

OF THE

## MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

MAY 1, 1876.

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Hon. Chas. Francis Adams.	Charles Edwards,
William Adams, D.D.,	Hon. Reuben E. Fenton,
Benjamin G. Arnold,	Benjamin H. Field.
Isaac H. Bailey,	Hon. Hamilton Fish.
Hon. Geo. Bancroft, LL.D.	Wm. H. Furness, D.D.,
Hon. Daniel D. Barnard.	Wm. T. Garner,
F. A. P. Barnard, LL.D., S.T.D.,	Parke Godwin.
Henry W. Bellows, D.D.,	John H. Gourlie.
William A. Booth,	S. Hastings Grant.
M. C. D. Borden,	Gen. Ulysses S. Grant,
Edgar Botsford,	Wm. H. Guion,
William Cullen Bryant,	Hon. A. Oakey Hall.
Elihu Burritt,	William Harris, D.D.,
Hugh N. Camp,	Joseph Henry, LL.D.,
Hon. Joseph R. Chandler,	Rosewell D. Hitchcock, D.D.,
Horace B. Claflin,	Richard M. Hoe,
Luther Clark,	Hon. John. T. Hoffman,
Hon. John Cochrane,	John Hone, Jr.,
Edmund Coffin,	Wilson G. Hunt,
Hon. Schuyler Colfax,	John R. Hurd.
Peter Cooper.	Ephraim H. Jenny,
Thomas S. Cummings.	John D. Jones,
Hon Charles P. Daly,	Louis Kossuth.
Richard H. Dana, Jr.,	Richard Lathers.
Frederick De Peyster,	James Lennox,
Orville Dewey, D.D.,	Rev. Harmon Loomis, D.D.,
Hon. Willtam E. Dodge,	Allan McLane,
Prof. R. Ogden Doremus,	Benjamin F. Manierre,
John W. Draper, M.D.,	Manton Marble,
Alexander F. Duncan.	Samuel Marsh,

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Hon. F. E. Mather,	Marshall O. Roberts,
Nathaniel F. Moore, LL.D.,	Hon. Horatio Seymour,
Edmund Morewood,	Jackson S. Schultz,
Hon. E. D. Morgan,	Benjamin D. Silliman,
D. Colden Murray,	Jonathan D. Steele,
John K. Myers,	Hon. Thomas E. Stewart,
S. H. Pennington, M.D.,	F. W. Steinbrenner,
President (ex-officio) of the Bos-	Henry A. Stone,
ton Mercantile Library,	Francis Thompson,
President (ex-officio) of the Mer-	Hon. Samuel J. Tilden,
cantile Library Association,	Silas Totten, D.D.,
Portland, Me.	Richard I. Tucker,
George, L. Prentiss, D.D.,	G. B. Vroom,
William C. Prime,	Alex. S. Webb,
Rossiter W. Raymond,	Hon. Wm. H. Wickham,
Wm. Remsen,	Samuel Willetts.

Hon. Sam'l J. Tilden and Hon. Wm. H. Wickham were elected during  
past year.

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HONORARY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE PAST YEAR:

Cornelius L. Everitt,

Frederick Hudson,

Alexander T. Stewart,

[APPENDIX XI.]

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OFFICERS AND MEMBERS  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTION  
AND

Officers of the Association for 1876-77.

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President,  
WM. H. GUION, Jr.

Vice-President,  
J. C. PALMER.

Corresponding Secretary,  
CHAS. S. ARTHUR,

Recording Secretary,  
SAM'L PUTNAM.

Treasurer,  
W. D. SEARLS.

Class, for One Year,  
WM. CURTIS NOYES,  
J. C. PALMER,

CHARLES C. HOUGH,  
SAM'L PUTNAM.

Class, for Two Years,  
CHARLES H. WILSON,  
W. D. SEARLS,

WM. H. GUION, Jr.,  
GEORGE D. FARRAR.

Class, for Three Years,  
CHARLES F. ALLEN,  
CHARLES S. ARTHUR,

ALEX. M. EAGLESON.  
A. WETMORE, Jr.

Librarian,  
WM. T. PEOPLES.

Assistant Librarian,  
GEORGE COOPE.

Counsel to the Association,  
HON. HENRY E. DAVIES

## [APPENDIX XII.]

## TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT CATALOGUE FUND.

WM. H. GUION, JR.,

*President Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.*

CHAS. S. ARTHUR,

*Corresponding Secretary Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.*

WILSON G. HUNT,

*President of the Clinton Hall Association, ex-officio.*

DANIEL F. APPLETON,      ARTHUR W. SHERMAN,

*From the Members at Large.*

## TRUSTEES OF THE CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

WILSON G. HUNT,

EDMUND COFFIN,

WILLIAM E. DODGE,

ISAAC H. BAILEY,

JOHN K. MYERS,

HUGH N. CAMP,

M. C. D. BORDEN.

WILSON G. HUNT,

HUGH N. CAMP,

*President.**Secretary.*

JOHN K. MYERS.

*Treasurer.*